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Kenneth C. Cundy, et al.

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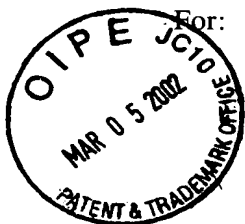
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited below is enclosed:

U.S. Patents:

3,326,758	Irmscher, et al.	6/20/67
4,560,512	Firestone	12/24/85
6,143,738	Zasloff	11/7/00

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

I, the undersigned, hereby state that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication received from the US/RO acting as the search authority for the equivalent PCT application. Applicants submit that this constitutes a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are also listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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